**Whitepine Joint School District #288**
***Leah Swanson Memorial Fund***
**'Open Arms' Application**

**Description:** The purpose of the *Leah Swanson Memorial Fund* is to provide financial support exclusively for students who are in need of essential PE/Athletics related items (apparel, camps, etc.). These items may include but are not limited to ANY essential items necessary for safe and appropriate participation in Physical Education, as well as Athletics. **This fund exists to remove financial barriers to ensure all students have equitable access.**

**Confidentiality Note:** This form is for internal use only. The approval team includes the leader of the organization where the funds are needed to participate and the high school principal. All information shall remain confidential.

**Name of Student/Parent Applying:** _____

**Date(s) of Event:** _____

**Cost of Event/Items: $** _____

**Amount Requested: $** _____

**Explain how requested funds will be used:** _____

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**Please briefly explain your financial need:** _____

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**Would you (the student) be willing to perform duties at the school or in the community to receive funds?**

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

**Note:** This would generally be for larger requests for things that are not necessarily needed but wanted. Summer sports camps, IDFY trips, etc. This may include cleaning up litter, touch up painting, sweeping gravel, etc. This is not a requirement for funds, but it will be considered when determining if the application will be approved, larger requests especially.

**Student Signature:** _____ Date: _____

**Guardian Signature:** _____ Date: _____

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☐ **Approved in the amount of** $_____**.**

☐ **Denied (Reason for denial)** _____

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**Athletic Director:** _____ Date: _____

**HS Principal:** _____ Date: _____

** A copy of this application will be kept on-file with the Athletic Director.*